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# POT GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS

READY JUNE 15th

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53 BARCLAY ST. through to 54 PARK PLACE NEW YORK

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#### POT-GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Pot-grown are more expensive, but in the end are cheaper to buy than ordinary layer plants. There is practically no danger of damage in transit, as the earth is securely packed around the roots of each individual plant. The year after planting the ordinary layer kind, the yield is only a partial one—whereas with the pot-grown plants, practically a full crop is obtained the very next season. An important point in favor of the pot-grown is that transplanting does not retard their growth. We recommend the pot-grown plants and only offer varieties that are considered best of existing sorts.

#### CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

The Strawberry may be grown to perfection on any land that will produce a crop of potatoes, corn, peas or other vegetables. Almost any soil will answer, unless it be dry sand or an undrained bed of muck, but the best results are obtained from a dark, rich loose loam with a clay sub-soil, well tilled. Strawberries should not be planted on newly plowed sod ground, nor in land that water remains on after rain. Such land bakes, and consequently the soil is coarse and lumpy. Usually the plants will continue to bear for five or six years, but the first and second crops are generally the best. Thus it is the custom to plow up strawberry beds after they have borne from one to three crops. The better the land and the more intensive the cultivation, the shorter the rotation.

The plants should be set 15 inches apart in rows 4 feet apart; 100 plants will set out 4 rows, 30 feet long. For horse cultivation they should be set 2 feet apart in rows 5 feet apart. Firm the plants well in the soil, keep thoroughly cultivated and cut off all runners. In the middle of December cover the beds to a depth of 3 inches with salt meadow hay, straw or leaves. In April, as soon as they show an indication of growth, push the covering away from the plants to allow them to come up through. This "mulching" protects the plants from the cold in winter and the heat in summer, keeps the fruit clean and prevents the growth of weeds.

The blossoms of Strawberries are either staminate (perfect flowering), or are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate (imperfect flowering). Pistillate varieties must have a row of some perfect flowered sort, flowering at the same time, planted every 4 or 6 feet apart from them; or, better still, every third or fourth plant in the row, to pollenize their blossoms.

Pot plants will be ready for delivery about June 15th, and if set out a y time before the middle of September will bear a full crop next season under ordinary favorable conditions. The earlier the plants are set out the larger they will grow and produce larger crops the next Spring.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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#### FOR THE FAMILY GARDEN

Collection	Α	50	each Early, Mid-	Season and		
	Late, price\$ 5.00					
	В	100	each Early, Mid-	Season and		
			Late, price	10.00		
	C	150	each Early, Mid-	Season and		
			200 Late, price	17.00		
	D	350	each Early, Mid-	Season and		
				32.50		

#### STANDARD VARIETIES

#### PRICES

Best quality pot grown plants, well rooted: per doz., of any one kind, 60c; per 25, \$1.00; per 100, \$3.50; 500, \$15.00; 1,000, \$30.00; for all sorts except where noted and the FALL FRUITING VARIETIES. See page 7.

#### EXTRA EARLY

Excelsior. (Perfect Flowers.) A vigorous, healthy grower—unusually productive for so early a sort—fruit averages large, handsome and firm. Its tall thick foliage protects the blossoms from frost.

Michel's Early. (Perfect Flowers.) One of the earliest sorts producing a full crop. A robust grower, does not rust or mildew, large, handsome berries of excellent flavor. Success. (Perfect Flowers.) One of the earliest. The berries are beautiful in appearance, large, and colored a bright crimson. A vigorous grower, very productive. This is the best of the large early varieties.

#### **EARLY**

Clyde. (Perfect Flowers.) The foliage of this variety will sometimes give way about fruiting time, yet as the berry is of excellent flavor, firm and a good shipper, it is extensively used and conceded to be the Southern favorite. It is a vigorous grower and does well in practically all parts of the country. \$4 per 100.

Glen Mary. (Perfect Flowers.) The wonderfully luscious fruit of this superb variety is quite large, nearly round and uniform in shape. Very productive. One of its many good points is that the last of the fruit is quite as large as the first that ripens. An excellent variety for both home and market growers, but we do not recommend planting it in the extreme South. This variety, although perfect flowering, sometimes bears so few stamens that it is well to plant with staminates.

#### MID-SEASON

Barrymore. (Perfect Flowers.) (New.) This variety resembles Marshall, but is a more polific bearer. \$4 per 100.

**Bederwood.** (Perfect Flowers.) Very hardy and will produce a large crop of medium size fruit. This is an old variety, and succeeds well on most any good land. A splendid pollenizer.

Brandywine. (Perfect Flowers.) An excellent tasting berry that will succeed on any soil. The fruit is large and handsome in appearance, roundish conical in shape and colored a glossy crimson. A prolific sort with a long fruiting season.

Bubach. (Imperfect Flowers.) One of the old standard, heavy-yielding varieties. Abundant foliage protects the plant and renders it less liable to damage through drought. The fruit is attractive in appearance and it is a valuable sort for market growing. Plants should be set out only in connection with the perfect flowering kind.

Haverland. (Imperfect Flowers.) A popular standard variety, succeeding on all kinds of soil; seems to be the least affected by frost, often producing a full crop of perfect fruit when other varieties are badly damaged. Very prolific, berries large, long shape gradually tapering, light scarlet, holding in size to the last picking. \$4 per 100.

Hub. (Perfect Flowers.) Fruit is large, smooth, firm, dark glossy red; very productive; the berries shine as if varnished. 75c per doz. \$4 per 100.

Kevitt's Wonder (Perfect Flowers.) A berry of highest rank; for productiveness, firm color, flavor and shape; it is pronounced the ideal strawberry; has very few seeds and is mild and sweet. 75c per doz. \$4 per 100.

Marshall. (Perfect Flowers.) This is without a doubt the finest flavored berry, and coupled with its enormous size, long since made it the standard fancy variety. What it lacks in number is more than made up in size, quality and appearance.

McKinley. (Perfect Flowers.) The extra large berries of this type are wonderfully sweet in flavor. A vigorous grower and a great yielder. The fact that the berries are only moderately firm, while prohibiting their being shipped to any great extent, makes them excellent for garden culture.

New York. (Perfect Flowers.) Immense dark scarlet berries changing to crimson when fully ripe. Remarkably sweet flavored. The seeds are so near the same color of the berry and so deeply set that they are hardly noticeable.

Oom Paul. (Perfect Flowers.) Stupendous in size, delicious in flavor, nice shape, elegant color and a good shipper. This berry is very desirable for both market and home gardens.

Schofield. (Perfect Flowers.) A heavy producer of extra large bright red berries of fine quality. Strong foliage with thick, broad leaves. \$4 per 100.

Senator Dunlap. (Perfect Flowers.) Firm, fruit delicious, good size, a d handsome in appearance; will ripen a good crop under almost any condition of drought or neglect. Mid-season to late.

**Sharpless.** (Perfect Flowers.) The plant is exceedingly large and vigorous, quite free from rust or blight. It demands well enriched soil and is one that will bring the home grower fine fruit.

Uncle Jim. (Perfect Flowers.) (Sometimes called Dornas.) This plant produces delicious-tasting berries in great profusion. Does well in dry weather.

Wm. Belt. (Perfect Flowers.) This variety is known as the standard for high quality; its rather long, conical shaped fruit is a brilliant glossy red. It is a heavy yielder and the berries ripen all over without green tips. Valuable either for home or market purposes.

#### LATE

Chesapeake. (Perfect Flowers.) One of the best, berries very large and of fine form, as late as "Gandy," in flavor ranks with "Marshall" and "William Belt." \$4 per 100.

Commonwealth. (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is large, dark rich red, and of excellent quality, and very productive.

Gandy. Perfect Flowers.) A well-known standard market berry; handsome glossy crimson color, of fine form and flavor. The plants are strong and compact growers and produce large sized regular berries right up to the last picking. This variety should not be planted on dry sandy soil, but it will thrive on practically every other kind of land. It is one of the best market sorts.

Hunn. (Imperfect Flowers.) This berry is very productive and extra large. The flesh is very firm and dark crimson in color and of excellent flavor. A very late type. Should be planted with staminates.

McAlpine. (Perfect Flowers.) A heavy yielder; berries large and full to the last pickings. \$1.25 per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Nick Ohmer. (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is of very large size, dark glossy red, of superior flavor. It is an excellent variety for home use or for market and is continually being used in exhibitions. Its fruiting season is very long.

Pride of Delaware. (Perfect Flowers.) A large firm evenly colored berry. Plants hold the fruit up well from the ground; ripens a few days before "Gandy."

Steven's Late. (Perfect Flowers.) A new variety fruiting very late in the season, yielding large crops of fine berries. \$4.00 per 100.

For prices on above Berries see page 3.

# EVERBEARING OR FALL FRUITING STRAWBERRIES

Best quality pot-grown plants

\$1.25 per dozen

\$5.00 per 100

Americus. (Perfect Flowers.) The Americus is a satisfactory Fall Fruiting sort. All blossoms should be cut off u. til August 1st, so as to insure the plants having ample nourishment for the Fall Crop. The taste is wondrously sweet and tempting—the size is medium, but naturally smaller than the June type.

Progressive. (Perfect Flowers.) One of the best fall bearing sorts, strong grower, berries round, deep crimson. It begins to ripen with second early sorts. Keeping on bearing fruit until late fall. Very productive.

Superb. (Perfect Flowers.) A healthy grower, makes plants freely. The berries are a rich blood red from surface to centre. Yields fruits only on parent plants.

BLACKBERRIES and RASPBERRIES BOOKED for DELIVERY AFTER OCTOBER 1st.

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Can be planted up to the first of July and will make a splendid show of color in the garden during late summer until frost.

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Mixed	Variet	ies of Re	ed and Scarlet\$	0.30	\$1.75	\$14.00
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"	"	Striped	and Variegated	.55	4.00	30.00
44	"	Excelsi	or	.35	2.25	17.00
"	"	Groff's	Hybrid Seed-			
		lings		.30	2.00	15.00
Fine Na	amed '	Varieties	America	.50	3.50	
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Bulbs, 1

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